

THE WEATHER REPORT

FORECAST—Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 25 (Monday) partly cloudy; Tuesday, cloudy; Wednesday, clear. Maximum 45; minimum 25; north winds and clear.

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Among the Want Ads.

Want to buy some good oil? There are some advertised in today's classified ads. Read them, they may be the foundation to your fortune.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

'Twas a MERRY CHRISTMAS FOR RICH AND POOR

Even the Poorest of Families Smiled When It Was Found Santa Called.

THOUSANDS OF GIFTS ARE GIVEN TO NEEDY

And Now Busy Tulsans Are Looking Forward to the New Year.

CHRISTMAS was well observed in Tulsa and in a manner typical of Tulsans. Yesterday morning and afternoon there were few persons on the downtown streets, but last night thousands turned out in their holiday finery, promenaded the city business thoroughfares and attended the theaters.

Nor had there ever been a more prosperous looking nor happy Tulsan. They had been liberally remembered, had these residents of one of the country's best cities, and the manner in which they walked or stood and chatted conclusively showed where they were altogether pleased with their lots in life.

There is no doubt of its being the greatest Christmas ever celebrated here. The poor were beautifully cared for by the Salvation Army, the Children's Friend Co. of the city, the Home Society, the Tulsa World and many individuals. All of Friday and until noon yesterday there were automobile parties busy in the delivery of these necessities, and it is probable that a worthy poor family in the city was overlooked.

Presented by Thousands.

The real Santa Claus yesterday was the letter carrier and the express wagon driver. From early morning until evening the rural delivery men were busy, while city carriers and express men worked hard until almost midnight. Practically everything which had arrived in time had been delivered before the offices closed and the employees were off duty, and all that now remains is distribution of the hundreds of gifts which were mailed or expressed too late for Christmas day delivery.

There were Christmas entertainments of all kinds all over the city. Family reunions were numerous, while informal dinners and excursions were held in the homes of the thousands. In Tulsa there were no less than a hundred parties, and in the suburbs a few more. Men and women were comfortable and comfortable.

Now for New Years.

Business will be comparatively light this week, in preparation for New Year's day. It always has been so and there is no reason to believe this year will be an exception. This year will be one of the most prosperous in the city's history and it is to be hoped next year will be even more so.

"JIMMYLEGS" OUT OF THE AMERICAN ARMY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—The passing of "Jimmylegs," which is a man-of-war's name for the master-at-arms, charged with the duty of maintaining discipline, is told in the annual report of the bureau of navigation. The report says the number of men in that rating has been reduced and the rating itself soon will be abolished.

"It is not believed," says the report, "that a special police force is now necessary aboard ship. Every petty officer should be made to feel he has his share of responsibility in maintaining discipline."

MILITARY TRAINING FOR CHI CHAUFFEURS

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—When the Chicago regiments of the Illinois national guard mobilize again, they may be rushed to the rendezvous in taxicabs after the European war system. An offer of four hundred trained chauffeurs has been made to the state, it was announced today by Mayor Thompson.

The vehicles are owned by a local taxicab company and the offer includes a suggestion that the adjutant general of the Illinois national guard arrange to have the chauffeurs receive military training.

"Engaged" Four Times Within Year by Mysterious Voice Over Telephone



MISS EDITH HARRISON.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—For the fourth time within a year, the announcement of the engagement of Miss Edith Harrison, daughter of Colonel Carter H. Harrison and Mrs. Harrison, has come over the phone. A sweet voice, always the same, says that Miss Harrison announced the engagement at a luncheon at the home of her father, former mayor of Chicago. The last time the voice announced that Miss Harrison was to wed Edwin Stroh of Detroit.

Mrs. Harrison, when asked to confirm the report, denied it emphatically and said that she knew nothing of the mysterious person who has circulated the report four times during the past year.

EMPTY STOCKINGS ARE WELL FILLED

Distribution Concluded Yesterday Afternoon at 1 o'clock.

LIBERAL DONATIONS WELCOME THE ALIEN

Hundreds of Little Hearts Gladdened; Shoes Are Given Out.

EVERY empty stocking in Tulsa was filled this Christmas.

The volunteers and representatives of The World and Humane society, who began the annual distribution of gifts to the poor families last Friday, finished their work yesterday afternoon, with the assistance of auto trucks furnished by The World Publishing company and Manager Bagley of the Ozone & Oklahoma Gas Co. and private autos.

Many pitiful cases were found by the workers. In some instances whole families were found in one room.

DURATION OF WAR A QUESTION OF MEN

In England if Not Fit For Army Service an Armet Is Given to the "Unfit Subject."

LONDON, Dec. 25.—(10:41 p. m.) It is announced officially that the armet scheme which is already in force for men enrolled under the Derby plan has been extended to give the right to wear a special armet to men who have been returned for military service on account of medical reasons.

King Derby has issued a booklet on the administration of the group system. He says in a prefatory note: "It is recognized by the general staff that the duration of the war will depend on the man power the allies are able to put into the field. If it were possible for the allies to put into the field such an overwhelming majority of men and guns that no matter what the cost, the offensive could be pursued until the enemy armies were largely destroyed and their country invaded, the war would not be prolonged. Every man who can possibly be spared for the army and navy directly assists in shortening the war and thereby diminishes the industrial loss."

INSTILL RELIGION AT HOME, SAY JEWS

Jewish Society Goes on Record Against the Parochial Schools.

LIBERAL DONATIONS WELCOME THE ALIEN

The Foreigner Should Be Sought, Advises Miss Miriam Goldberg.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 25.—A plea for moral and religious education of the young, but insistence that this task is the work of the home and of the church or synagogue were points emphasized in the address of Dr. Henry Berkowitz of Philadelphia, chancellor of the Jewish Chautauque society, at its national meeting here tonight.

"Jewish people," he said, "having abandoned the system of segregating their children in parochial religious schools, will never resort to it again. There is the alternative danger of having religious and moral instruction injected into the public school system. We believe that the separation of church and state should be inviolably maintained. Though we

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MORATORIUM IS CONTINUED

Ninety Days of Respite for Those Debits in France.

PARIS, Dec. 25.—(15:35 p. m.)—The moratorium affecting commercial paper has been extended for ninety days and those furnishing supplies to the government or the allies are exempted from the terms of the decree which was published today.

Some public criticism of the extension of the moratorium is made, inasmuch as 120 out of 140 chambers of commerce have gone on record in favor of bringing an end to the abnormal conditions under which commerce and industry have been burdened for seventeen months.

GERMANS BUSY REBUILDING A CITY OF RUINS

Russians Did Damage Estimated at \$100,000,000 Before They Left.

NICHOLAS SURPRISED AT ITS EARLY FALL

Thousands of Starving Men and Women Streaming Into Fortress.

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He and his subordinates have since that time been working approximately eighteen hours a day to bring order out of the chaos that they found. Order they have achieved, but it will take years to rebuild and reconstruct the city—probably the strongest and most important fortress which the Russians possessed. As was almost universally the case in Poland the civil population had been taken along by thousands for the retreating army. But almost before the Germans could commence work of reconstruction former detachments of the former population began to straggle back into the city. The refugees for the most part were Jews who had been hiding in basements. Many of them were sick and before order had been restored thousands of them died of malignant diseases.

Robbers Cleaned Out.

Graf W. proceeded with an iron hand. The robber bands that lurked in the alleys of the city were gradually cleaned out. The returning inhabitants, if healthy, were put into camps in the surrounding country and sternly denied access to the city.

Many thousands of men, women and children were sent westward, accompanied by their belongings.

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"HOLD YOUR TONGUE" MILLERAND WARNING

PARIS, Dec. 25.—The criticism by La Liberté that Minister of the Interior Malvy had not taken stringent measures against spies and the subjects of hostile powers, compelling M. Millerand, when minister of war to order the posting of bills reading "hold your tongue" on guard, the words of enemies are listening" has caused M. Malvy to write a long letter of explanation to the editors.

In his letter M. Malvy said that in 1914-15, 5,000 persons were expelled from France and that the fight against espionage was continuing. Before the war, he stated, there were 400,000 strangers in the country, while today there were 250,000, mostly Italians, Russians, English, Americans and Swiss. There were fifty concentration camps, he added, and only a small number of residence permits had been issued to Austrians and Germans.

Must Deal With Carabaz.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—If the Rockefeller foundation and the American Red Cross wish to assist in the fight against typhus fever in Mexico City, as recently indicated, they must deal directly with General Carranza. Ambassador Arredondo said today that even if asked to do so, he could not make representations to his government on the subject, since the foreign office had not consulted him and he did not regard it as a matter of an international character.

Carothers to Hold Job.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—George C. Carothers' commission as consul general expires December 31 but it is thought likely it may be decided to retain him because of the apparent determination of General Villa not to eliminate himself from the Mexican situation. Carothers is the only agent through whom the state department has been able to deal successfully with Villa.

BOY FATALLY BURNED WHILE LOOKING FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

BALLINGER, Texas, Dec. 25.—The 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Harwell was fatally burned while inspecting his Christmas presents under the fireplace early this morning when his nightgown caught fire from the grate.

A Land of Graves and Trenches, of Ruin and Destruction Is Poland; Helmet-Adorned Graves Tell of Human Slaughter

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Women Are Sufferers.

Unlike the ruins of Poland, the country seems to have been stripped of its women. One sees little else than present women, helmeted, ill-dressed, who struggle under a burden of grief through the mud and generally direct their eyes at strangers pass. The Russian army for their own benefit, partly to give employment to the Poles, have done much to put the unfortunate had made into shape. They have also altered the railroad tracks from the Russian to the German gauge, a stupendous work, for all the main lines are now double-track, and at the important points have built new stations. Both soldiers and the civil population have had to rely on their inventiveness to secure shelter. French cars have been used, and flat on their sides, and the interiors filled up with some degree of comfort.

Villages Destroyed.

For miles between Alexandrow and the boundary and Warsaw, and between Warsaw and Lodz, the old trenches line the railroad tracks, while graves, individual and common, line the trenches. Eastward of Warsaw, however, the trenches virtually all but the Russians moved fast, once they abandoned the

SOLDIERS SPEND XMAS IN LONDON

Thousands of Mud-Stained Veterans From Trenches at Home.

HOSPITALS ARE GAY INSISTS ON DEMANDS

War Was the Invariable Subject of the Sermons in Churches.

NOTE IS PLEASED TO BERLIN PRESS

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LEAVES AN OPENING FOR FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS ON FRIENDLY TERMS.

BERLIN, via London, Dec. 25 (18:51 p. m.)—The Berlin papers today published prominently the full text of the American note on the Austro-Serbian conflict at any length. The Tagesschau says the note differs from the first to its advantage by the objective tone which preserves the formal courtesy in communications between nations.

"The quotation at issue," says the Tagesschau, "is not brought a step nearer solution; the American government maintains its demand made on December 8. As a basis for the proposed exchange of views, it has recognized no longer the somewhat hostile tone which characterized the note of December 8, but the fact that it was based on, but in the spirit of the American-Hungarian charge of offences at Washington."

No Renewed Demands.

The Tagesschau adds "it remains a striking and unusual fact that the renewed demands were not emphasized by any demand for 'limitations'." It declares that President Wilson's implication is to uphold his humanistic standpoint of all events and the fact that he emphasizes this standpoint especially against the central powers comes from the attitude assumed by all America toward the central powers and allies.

Fair Treatment.

"We and our allies must recognize our share in this fact—we have nothing to seek for from America and we are not prepared to accept a limitation of the neutrality principle from the American side."

Three Killed by Train.

COLEMAN, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Miss Mary McChesney, 29 years old, Ethel McChesney, 17, of Ayres, and Benjamin Harrison, 29, of Coleman, were killed today by a Delaware Lackawanna & Western freight train at the Ayres station.

Young Women Went to the Station to Meet Harrison who Was to be their Christmas Guest.

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HOLIDAY LULL TO BE BROKEN IN THE BALKANS

Central Powers Preparing for Attack on Base at Saloniki.

INVASION OF GREEK TERRITORY LIKELY?

David Lloyd George Busy Trying to Settle Labor Differences.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—Despatches from the continent predict that the holiday lull will first be broken on the Balkan front where Greek observers believe the central powers are preparing a huge army for operations directed against the entente. Whether this will take the form of an actual attack on Saloniki or merely an advance into Greece for the purpose of seizing strategic defensive points is a matter of keen speculation in Athens.

According to one correspondent the Greek government has definitely decided not to permit the enemies of the entente to penetrate Greek territory unless the central powers satisfactorily guarantee that Greek territory will not be endangered.

According to dispatches from a Serbian source the Germans have established a provisional government at Nish, withdrawing all the Bulgarian and Austrian troops and ending Italian-Austrian interference in the administration of Serbian affairs. It is added that proclamations have been issued announcing that the Germans "will respect Serbian nationality."

Austrians Entrenching.

There has been no news of importance from the British correspondents at Athens and Saloniki since Friday. The Ministry of official communications states the Austrians are entrenching on a front between Maniaca and Serbia which British observers take to mean a pause in the active Austrian campaign against the little mountain country, presumably to enable the Austrian forces to be turned to more pressing matters on other fronts.

Labour a Strong Issue.

In England, David Lloyd George, minister of munitions, is the chief figure for the moment. This is no holiday period for him, as he is in the midst of the most important work of persuading the trade unionists to consent to his scheme of "labor dilution."

Yesterday he visited the St. Nicholas.

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President and Wife Drenched on Golf Links

HOT SPINNS, Va., Dec. 25.—

President Wilson and Mrs. Wilson were driven from the golf links here today by a heavy rainstorm which broke suddenly and drenched both of them before they could reach their hotel, a mile away. Despite the cold mountain air, however, it was said at the hotel tonight that neither had suffered any serious effects, though the president caught a slight cold.

With secret service guards acting as soldiers, the couple had just started around the links when the first raindrops fell. They immediately turned back for the hotel, and as the storm became heavier the president removed his coat and threw it about Mrs. Wilson's shoulders. Even this did not save her from a thorough drenching.

At the hotel other guests offered such first aid and refreshments as were at hand, but the president laughingly refused to accept.

More than fifty Christmas gifts, sent by relatives, members of the president's official family and close friends, were delivered at the presidential suite today. A large bouquet, including a cluster of roses and some orchids, Mrs. Wilson's favorite flower, came from the White House conservatory. There also were hundreds of messages of Christmas greetings and congratulations.